

'We Are Grateful For His Life'--Nixon

Johnson Funeral Thursday

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — The body of former President Lyndon Baines Johnson will be flown to Washington to lie in state in the Capitol rotunda and receive the nation's final tributes.

Johnson, whose dreams of a Great Society were dampened by divisions at home over a war in Asia, died Monday of a heart attack at 64.

Johnson's coffin will be carried on a horse-drawn caisson in a procession to Capitol Hill Wednesday afternoon. A ceremony will be held in the rotunda.

Funeral services will be held Thursday in Washington's National City Christian Church, after which the body will be returned to Texas for burial in the family cemetery of the LBJ Ranch.

Before the body of the nation's 36th president is flown to Washington, it will lie in state from noon CST today until 8 a.m. Wednesday at the LBJ

Library at Austin, Tex. There will be a full honor guard.

Johnson was pronounced dead at 5:43 p.m. EST Monday aboard his private plane at San Antonio International Airport.

The sudden attack ended a

distinguished public career

which saw Johnson rise from

simple Texas roots to both

houses of Congress, to the

powerful post of Senate Democratic

leader which earned him the

reputation as a masterful

politician, to the vice

presidency and finally to the

presidency after the

assassination of John F.

Kennedy in 1963.

As the first Southerner to

hold the presidency since

Andrew Johnson, his accom-

plishments in the domestic

fields of civil rights, Social

Security, education and housing

were highly praised. He was

credited with pushing through

social programs Democrats

had been trying to enact since

the New Deal days of Franklin

D. Roosevelt.

When Johnson inherited the

presidency, he inherited the

war in Indochina. Following his

election as chief executive in

1964 by a landslide margin, he

greatly expanded the U.S. in-

volvement in Indochina and op-

position to the war mounted at

home. The war eventually was

a major factor in his dramatic

announcement in March of 1968

that he would not seek re-elec-

tion.

On Monday, 51 minutes be-

fore he was pronounced dead,

Secret Service agents respond-

ing to his pleas found Johnson

slumped on the bedroom floor

of his ranch in Johnson City and

began a desperate 85-mile trip

by air to Brooke Army Medical

Center here in hopes of saving

his life.

Col. L.R. Hieger, chief of pa-

thology at Brooke, performed

an autopsy on Johnson's body

late Monday night and listed

the official cause of death as

coronary thrombosis.

Hieger's autopsy showed that

the former president had se-

vere coronary artery disease,

with complete occlusion — clo-

sure — of two of three major

arteries to the heart. A third

artery was about 60 per cent

occluded.

Complete results of the

autopsy await further

evaluation, said Dr. George

McGranahan, Johnson's

cardiologist.

The former President had a

history of heart trouble dating

to 1955. He suffered what was

termed as a major heart attack

in April 1972 and was hospi-

talized with chest pains last

July.

With him at death were three

Secret Service agents. Dr. Da-

vid J. Abbott of Johnson City,

the plane's pilot and the wife of

the foreman of the sprawling

LBJ ranch, to which he retired

after leaving the White House.

As Johnson was flown to San

Antonio, his wife, Lady Bird,

was contacted by radiotele-

phone in a car about a block

from the LBJ Library, about 80

yards from the library.

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CONTROVERSIAL DOG LIFT: Former President Lyndon B. Johnson, who died Monday in San Antonio, Tex., lifted a pet beagle "Her" in 1964 by the ears. His action stirred a nationwide controversy over whether it was cruel to the dog. (AP Wirephoto)

5,000 Evacuated From Tiny Island

Volcano Erupts In Iceland

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP) — An armada of fishing boats and planes evacuated 5,000 Icelanders early today from a small island off the southeast coast after a volcano on the island erupted for the first time in history.

By dawn the lava had reached the outskirts of Vestmannaeyjar, the only town on the island of Heymaey. But by then only 300 of the 5,300 islanders remained to be taken off. The sea around Heymaey was lit up like a busy street by

the lights of the hundreds of fishing boats the government rushed to the island 75 miles southeast of Reykjavik.

Ashore the lava had not reached the houses of Vestmannaeyjar yet, but several were ablaze from the heat of the flow.

The islanders drove their livestock and pets to the harbor and the airstrip in hopes of getting them away. There were no casualties reported and no panic.

One islander, Jon Stefansson,

said he was getting up to go fishing at 2 a.m. when he heard "terrible noises."

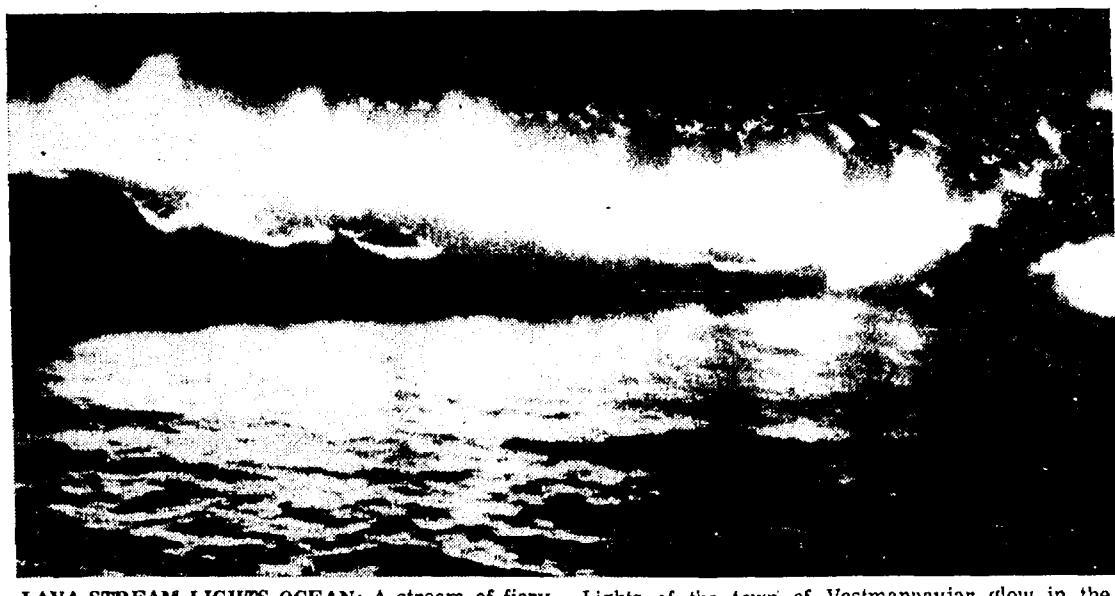
"Then I heard a siren from the fire station and thought there must be a fire somewhere in town," he continued. "The volcano just didn't enter my mind. But when I looked out of the window, it was plain what had happened."

Women, children and hospital patients were flown out despite a rain of hot ash falling on the airstrip. The other residents left by boat. Officials for a time feared the harbor at Vestmannaeyjar might be closed by the oozing lava, but this danger did not materialize.

Vestmannaeyjar is only 150 yards from Helgafell, the volcano that had not erupted since the Vikings discovered Iceland in 864 A.D. But the first outpouring of lava flowed away from the town and into the Atlantic, and it was some time before the flow moved toward the houses.

Ships of Iceland's large fishing fleet and its five coastal patrol boats were sent to the island. All buses in Reykjavik were commandeered and dispatched to Thorlakshofn, on the southern coast where the rescue armada was to land the

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LAVA STREAM LIGHTS OCEAN: A stream of fiery lava rushes into the sea from the island of Heymaey off Iceland's south coast. Photo was made early today about two hours after the volcano on the island erupted.

Lights of the town of Vestmannaeyjar glow in the background. Thousands of people were being evacuated from the island. (AP Wirephoto)

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State Abortion Law Hangs In Legal Limbo

Michigan's abortion law is in legal limbo today following a ruling by the nation's highest court, but the statute appears to have received a fatal blow.

The nation's Roman Catholic church leaders are deplored the Supreme Court decision guaranteeing American women the right to have abortions during the first six months of pregnancy. See details on page 10.



ALEXANDROS ONASSIS
Clinging to life

Son Of Onassis Struggling For Life After Crash

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Alexandros Onassis, the only son of the Greek shipping magnate, struggled for life today after being critically injured in an airplane crash.

The Ministry of Press and Information issued an announcement on his condition after reports from sources in the hospital said that he had died. The ministry said it made the announcement on the basis of information from Paraskevas Ionnides, director of Olympic Airways, the Greek national airline owned by Aristotle Onassis.

The announcement came about one hour after Aristotle Onassis and his wife Jacqueline were seen leaving the hospital, heads bowed and tears streaming down their faces.

A source close to the Onassis family said Alexandros was in desperate condition with a severe concussion and brain damage he suffered when his private plane crash-landed at Athens Airport Monday.

Alexandros' mother is now Mrs. Stavros Niarchos, whose husband also is a shipping millionaire.

A hospital attendant said she "was apparently crying by Alexandros' bed all night."

Doctors said they had done

everything possible for Alexandros, and that his survival depended on his youth and physical resistance. He is 24.

Onassis has one other child, a 21-year-old daughter, Christina. She was divorced last year after nine months of marriage to a man 27 years her senior. Onassis was out of town when the crash occurred and returned to Athens this morning.

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Lyndon B. Johnson, The 36th President

Lyndon Baines Johnson, 1909-1973, 36th President of the United States. "He wasn't a gentleman but he was a man!"

That's how TV Commentator Eric Sevareid characterized his sometimes friend and sometimes adversary yesterday shortly after an apparent heart attack had claimed LBJ.

"He wouldn't let you love him. It was hard to communicate, to get through to him," said Bill Moyers, press secretary during most of the White House years.

"He was a hard man to work for," added Moyers, "but you'd rather work for him than anyone else."

The comments indicate, at least from a contemporary perspective, the success and failure of Lyndon Johnson. There was a mystifying ambivalence in both his own performance and in the public's attitude toward him.

Johnson easily ranks as the most powerful, the most effective Senate majority leader of modern times. He was a master of cloakroom politics. It was a mastery which, in his Presidential years, helped him win passage of landmark social welfare and civil rights legislation—more than any other administration.

But he never seemed able to translate his artfulness with other politicians into public charisma. Nervous before the cameras, he came across TV as sententious—even maudlin.

For a while as President, he did well. He behaved with decorum and kept the nation together after the Kennedy assassination. For a year, he was unqualifiedly popular. But it didn't last long.

Swept into office for his first elective term on the great landslide over Barry Goldwater in 1964, he had so lost his public prestige by 1968 that he declined to run for re-election. In November of 1967 a Gallup poll showed only 38 per cent of the people approved his handling of the Presidency. It is widely, and perhaps correctly,

assumed that his escalation of the Vietnam war cost him his popularity. There was another factor, too. And that was the rioting in the nation's black ghettos—Watts, Newark, Harlem, Detroit. That is ironic since LBJ got more pro-black legislation adopted than any President ever.

Lyndon Johnson had all the personally powerful traits he needed to be a great President: energy, intelligence, wit, a seemingly genuine regard for the nation and its people. But he also had an Achilles heel, a credibility gap.

His Senate lieutenant, the wheeling, dealing Bobby Baker was part of it. So was the paper-thin, challenged ballot margin by which LBJ first got elected to the Senate. So were the millions he and Lady Bird made out of government-granted TV and radio franchises. So were his generals who said we were winning the Vietnam war.

It was a bad base on which to ask for faith when the chips were down.

Whatever his ultimate role in history, LBJ can be admired by all Americans now as a man of many parts. Born in an earlier era, he might have been a charming riverboat gambler, an heroic town marshal, or a cattle baron.

Conservatives think that President Johnson never really was that, that he was still a senator in residence in the White House, and that he thought problem-solving lay in getting legislation passed. His critics say he failed to administer, that his Great Society legislation, his "guns and butter" philosophy turned into a mess of bureaucracy and inflation he had not the ability to control.

But history has a way of forgiving poor administrators and rewarding the authors of legislation. It will be hard to forget that Lyndon Johnson prodded through Congress such measures as the Voting Rights Act and the Medicare-Social Security Bill.

Nixon Invokes A Do It Yourself Policy

Over the weekend Richard Nixon ended what his opposition and many easily ruffled reporters have been calling an unnecessary isolation.

The TV cameras set out a picture of a man thoroughly relaxed and having fun at the inaugural's festivities.

More importantly, in a brief inauguration address strongly reminiscent of the theme adopted 12 years ago by John F. Kennedy he said the time has come for Americans and foreigners to quit looking upon Washington as the physician to every ache and pain that comes along.

He directed the idea of self medication toward two major targets.

In foreign affairs he declared his Administration is amending the American stance going back to Woodrow Wilson's day in the White House which imposes the burden on the U.S. to maintain other governments in a fixed position.

America, he said, will "support vigorously the principle that no country has the right to impose its will or rule on another by force," but "the time has passed when America will make every other nation's conflict our own, or make every other nation's future our responsibility, or presume to tell the people of other nations how to manage their own affairs."

Continuing in that vein, he added, "Just as we respect the right of each nation to determine its own future, we also recognize the responsibility of each nation to secure its own future."

Applied to a specific case such as Viet Nam come the long awaited cease fire agreement, we read Nixon's doctrine to mean the U.S. would help the Thieu government to repel a re-opening of a military incursion by North Viet Nam, but that if domestic politicians gain headway against the Saigon regime, our country will stay out of that infighting.

As we further construe his remarks, the U.S. would not intervene if two neighboring countries resorted to combat to settle a boundary dispute such has kept India and Red China in a ferment for a generation.

Though history amply demonstrates the fine line, in truth, a fuzzy demarcation between domestic politics and international affairs, Nixon is making it

clear the U.S. has won no friends and influenced no people by dealing with foreign governments as good guys, that is, a democracy, or as bad guys, namely, a dictatorship.

Using that test, we take it that Nixon will negotiate with Cuba on skyjacking and other irritants on the basis of whether Castro wants to do business in a reasonable manner and not because he holds his country in political prison.

His premise of judging things on their merits and not wishful thinking spills over into his domestic program.

In almost so many words Nixon stated he will not spend the reduction in the defense budget occasioned by winding down Viet Nam on a host of projects that outdo LBJ's Great Society.

"Where this government should act," he announced, "we will act boldly and lead boldly. But just as important is the role that each and every one of us must play, as an individual and as a member of his own community."

Preceding that statement, he noted, "Let each of us remember that America was built not by government, but by people; not by welfare, but by work; not by shirking responsibility, but by seeking responsibility."

While Nixon did not elaborate upon what he sees as the cutoff point between the individual working out problems he should answer for himself and the government stepping once that effort has been exhausted, he left little doubt his State of the Union and the budget messages will devote little space to boondoggling.

The paternalism of Washington knows best, he pointed out, has not worked in the past and consequently has no justification to be continued.

In some quarters the speech already has been assailed as turning back the clock, as Uncle Sam turning his back on his people and on the world.

This is expected reaction from the big government syndrome and Nixon is too much the realist to believe he can cut Washington down to size overnight.

Except for Eisenhower, he is the first President, however, from FDR down to the present to shoot away at the folly of the federal and state capitals playing Ann Landers.

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As You Sow-----



Bruce Biossat

Unsolved Mystery Is In Abundance



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Does man need to explore to sustain himself in life? Does he need the prospect of surprise and mystery?

Some scientists and historians gathered here recently under the wing of the Smithsonian Institution seemed to agree that exploration, from the broadest reaches of space to the tiniest corners of the human cell and the atom, is necessary to both man's material well being and the lifting of his restless, ranging spirit.

In the long view of man, this is, of course, a far from settled matter. Today, as for centuries, there are many who argue that such exploration, if not all, is for a handful of adventure-seekers, that ordinary folk are too caught up in their daily concerns to care much about plunging into the unknown.

Probably history runs against this argument. The great Age of Discovery, when brave voyagers first found the real expanse of the earth and its oceans, fired the imagination of whole populations. A good part of mankind was captivated by America's leap to the moon.

Even in these times when the world's "average" millions (now billions) seem not to have been attending closely, the men who have chosen to place themselves at the edge of the unknown have not been dissuaded from exploring the mysteries of the stars, the make-up of the earth, the workings of mind and body, the great seas.

Yet, at the Smithsonian discussion table, doubt was

raised here and there that any great mysteries or surprises remain to stir men in general. The sweep of technological advance, the compounding of scientific discoveries have, it is said, combined to persuade men that anything and everything is possible.

Thus convinced, the argument runs on, men turn quickly from the footprints on the moon to the footprints of a murder suspect in a television detective show. Smothered with difficulties in a problem-ridden world, taking new discovery for granted but finding little in it that is heartening, men no longer scan the horizon hopefully for its challenging mysteries.

I was a mere layman in that company of scholars. Still, I dared to doubt the doubters, and found some support.

Two things:

I don't believe for an instant that mystery and surprise have vanished from life, even in this age when the "over-communication" provided by television wears man's doings in almost every field down to a detailed stubble.

Secondly, so much is happening so fast that, for all the pretensions and the overkill of the communications world, many intriguing tales of solved mysteries are going unfound.

Some of these, properly grasped, could add a sense of continuing excitement to the lives of millions who, in affluence, say they find only boredom at work and at home. Some of these stories already have or soon may have direct bearing on the daily concerns of many people.

Jeffrey Horn



Nominations For Bores Of Month

GLANCING BACKWARDS

LANCERS PAST EDDIES

— 1 Year Ago —

Lakeshore leaped another hurdle last night in quest of the Blossomland blue ribbon.

The Lancers, outscoring Edwardsburg 52-26 in the last half, raced past the visitors 98-60 to chalk up their fifth straight Bud victory of the season without a loss. But now the Lancers face another obstacle tonight when they travel to South Haven to meet the Rams, the sixth rated team in the latest Class B poll.

TO DECIDE ON HOUSING

— 10 Years Ago —

St. Joseph city commission will decide Feb. 4 on a zoning request designed to pave the way for a \$1.5 million cooperative housing venture on a 10-acre site on Lakeview and South State streets.

Commissioners received an application for a zoning change and in sending it on to the planning commission specified that it be returned so that it could be acted upon at the first meeting in February.

ALLIED BOMBS PLAY PACIFIC

— 29 Years Ago —

Aerial destruction plunged down on the Japanese throughout the long, explosive display of the Pacific battlefield in a display of the growing might of allied air power.

American bombers struck again at Paramushiro in the far north; blasted enemy air-dromes and shipping in the south and southwest sectors; and hammered Japanese positions over a wide area in Burma.

WHAT A WINTER

— 39 Years Ago —

"Winter" sports in St. Joseph and Benton Harbor this past Sunday consisted of golf, walks in the parks and along the lake shore, horseshoe pitching, canoeing and picnicking. Brilliant sunshine in a sky of cloudless blue sent temperatures up to a maximum of 58 degrees.

LOCKED IN ICE

— 49 Years Ago —

The steamer Missouri of the Graham & Morton line got locked in seven feet of ice. The lies off the Holland harbor, in a severe lake storm and now mercury stood at five below zero in St. Joseph yesterday, but relief is promised.

PLANNING FESTIVAL

— 59 Years Ago —

There is a possibility that the May Festival, which has become an annual event in the twin cities, will be held at the Tabernacle in St. Joseph this year.

GOT STUCK

— 81 Years Ago —

Nate Gifford had the hard-ship to attempt to drive along Water street with a load of hay this morning, got stuck in the mud and had an interesting experience in pulling out his rig.

GETTY CASE DISMISSED

ROME (AP) — J. Paul Getty III has been released from jail and disorderly conduct charges against the grandson of oil billionaire J. Paul Getty have been dismissed.

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BERRY'S WORLD



"... and another thing, why don't you 'kid around' with me, the way Sonny does with Cher?"

Scientists, a faith which, whatever else you think of it, is a vintage expression of American optimism.

2) Conspicuous moralizing generally, from Senator Kennedy and Eric Sevareid on down. If only one could prescribe a strong dose of European cynicism. Most moralizers and breast-beaters and pulpit-groaners will not, as everyone knows, lose one wink of sleep or enjoy their martinis and steaks one whit the less whatever may happen in Bombay or Bangladesh or Hanoi or to all the grapepickers from here and the Mexican border.

3) The knee-jerk comparison of Nixon, Agnew and other worthies, or, for that matter, anyone right of center, or even anyone who finds himself willingly fighting with Communists, to Adolf Hitler. Hitler, after all, was an unusual personality, and we ought to preserve our sense of that. A glittering example of the Hitler thing pops up in a new book by Gabriel Ronay called "The Truth About Dracula." Ronay turns aside from his researches in vampirology to indulge in left-wing political polemics. First he attributes to JFK Barry Goldwater's famous "extremism in defense of liberty" remark. Then, on the basis, he compares JFK as "cold warrior" to Hitler, Mussolini, and Vlad the Impaler, the 17th century original of Dracula. No kidding.

4) Stokely Carmichael, who has been abroad for quite a while, and is now having media re-entry problems. So hungry is he for some, any, notoriety that he has now praised New Orleans sniper Mark Essex, who killed six people on January 7.

5) The canard, endlessly repeated, that Vietnam is, and always has been, one country, but was "artificially" divided by the 1954 Geneva agreements. The truth is that the emergence of two separate Vietnamese states has been abundantly recognized by the world community.

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Twin City
Highlights

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1973

Model Cities Dedicates Its New Center

\$57,000 Morton Project Holding Open House

A \$57,000 project was undertaken Monday, when the Benton Harbor-Benton township Model Cities program held formal dedication of its third neighborhood service center in the former Morton school annex building at 809 Territorial road, Benton Harbor.

Nearly 50 persons, including Model Cities, Benton Harbor and Benton township officials, participated in the event on the first day of a public open house.



ASSISTANT: Robert U. McDowell, 31, of Higman Park, Benton township, joined Berrien prosecutor's office Monday as assistant prosecutor. He's a graduate of Chicago-Kent College of Law, an Air Force veteran, and has spent the past 2½ years as assistant state's attorney for Cook county, Ill. Atty. McDowell and his wife, Anne, have two children. (Staff photo)



FORMAL OPENING: The Benton Harbor-Benton township Model Cities program marked formal dedication Monday of new neighborhood center in former Morton school annex at 809 Territorial road, Benton Harbor. Some of the nearly 50 participants are,

from left: Model Cities Director Ben Davis; Benton Harbor Mayor Charles Joseph; Benton township Supervisor Martin Lane; Walter Slowik, member of Benton township board of trustees and township representative to Model Cities; Benton Harbor City

Commissioner Daniel Chapman, city representative; Silas Legg, director citizens steering council; Hubert Love, director neighborhood centers; and Ellis Hull of H & H Construction Co., contractor for remodeling work at annex. (Staff photo)

They'll Recycle Before Paying SJ 60% Hike

Plants May Boycott Water

After hearing statements from four St. Joseph industries that they might drastically reduce their water purchases from the city, St. Joseph commissioners last night delayed for the second time any action on the proposed 60 per cent water rate hike tentatively scheduled to take effect April 1.

The matter was tabled for at least two weeks while representatives of the four industries study the possibility of recycling water that would, in some cases, cut at least in half the amount of water they would purchase from the city.

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Formal services Monday were actually informal, as Model Cities officers explained varied functions of the program, and participants later had a chance to inspect the building.

J. Grimm, Vice President and General Manager, Twin Cities Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

All but Grimm indicated to the commission that they felt it would be to their company's financial advantage to recycle water and would do so if St. Joseph's water rates were increased by 60 per cent, but told commissioners they would report back in two weeks their final decisions based on additional studies made between now and that time.

Grimm indicated that there would be nothing the Coca-Cola company could do but to continue to purchase their usual amount of water from the city.

Mattix told the commission that St. Joseph division spent \$105,000 for water in 1972 and estimated that under the new rates, the water tab would be about \$168,000 for this year.

"With an increase such as this, we feel that it is time we reevaluate the possibilities of a

closed water system at the St. Joseph division," Mattix said.

Reddel indicated that Dynac's water bill will jump from \$12,000 to near \$20,000 per year under the new rates. "We find that this kind of cost increase is hard to pass on to customer and that water rates should have been raised gradually over the years," Reddel stated. "We will consider very strongly recycling our water."

Kasischke and Drexel said their companies have considered the recycle process in the past and will now look into the matter more deeply.

Also within the next two weeks, City Manager Leland Hill will check with other large industrial water users in St. Joseph to learn their feelings on the rate hike.

Hill asked the commission if it had taken into consideration what effect a decrease in water use by industry might have on the proposed rate structure.

Hill answered that rates might have to increase even more if industry decided to cut their water purchases.

Former St. Joseph Mayor Tom Sparks took another swing at the 1964 Consoer, Townsend engineer report that he says shows the same \$10 million water plant expansion project could have been undertaken at that time for \$2 million.

"Their 1964 report belies everything they say in this new report which leads me to wonder if this new report is any more realistic," said Sparks.

Sparks also took issue with the sale of water to the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water Authority saying, "why should citizens of St. Joseph be penalized because we are furnishing water to those outside the city limits."

Hill defended the sale of water to the authority, which includes the villages of Stevensville and Shoreham, and the townships of St. Joseph and Lincoln.

"The Authority will pay the city a minimum of \$236,500 out of the total of \$45,000 in revenue collected by St. Joseph for the sale of water," Hill said. "The rates might have been even higher without the Authority."

In other action:

Commissioners approved the spending of almost \$52,000 to repair and add to the seawall at Lions Park Beach that protects the road leading to the water plant and the plant itself.

Speidel Foundation and Marine Contractors of St.

Joseph will repair and add to the seawall that has been battered and bruised by heavy waves caused by storms in the past year.

Twenty foot down sheeting will be strengthened by an additional five feet and five existing 25 foot groins will

be lengthened to 50 feet. Another seven groins will be installed bringing the total groins to 12.

Commissioner C. A. Tobias requested that Hill look into the possibility of making the sheeting 36 feet deep instead of

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CRASH VICTIM: One of two men injured when their car collided with switching engine outside Twin Cities Container Corp., Coloma, at 7:35 p.m. yesterday is prepared for ride to hospital by Coloma Emergency Ambulance service members. Hospitalized with cuts and broken leg was Michael Hipskind, 21, Coloma.

Hipskind was passenger in car driven by Ranny Gray, 21, Watervliet, who was treated and released. Police said Gray reported being distracted by another vehicle and not seeing engine. Engineer of train was Cecil Wycoff, St. Joseph, police said. (Clift Stevens photo)



ASIAN DRESS: Students in an Asian studies course at Benton Harbor high school learn first hand about Asian culture by wearing native dress furnished by Arnold Fege, coordinator of the Benton Harbor area school's audio-visual department. From left: Bob Mesirov wearing a Malay native hat and bush coat while holding a machete; Lynn Kraemer wearing a Thai temple garment, sash and necklace; Doug Nettleton wearing traditional Indonesian garb of the Malays; and Fege.

BHHS Students Take Close Look At Modern Asia

Benton Harbor high school is one of a few in southwestern Michigan to offer a course in Asian studies - a concentrated look at Asian nations and their history.

Interest in the course was first displayed by students. Staff members then formulated plans and Mrs. Helen Reinhardt was designated instructor.

The course is open to juniors and seniors and focuses on the cultural, political, social and economic aspects of China, Japan, Southeast Asia and Korea.

The course stresses the importance of the Asian world in international affairs especially in light of President Nixon's visit to the People's Republic of China, United States economic competition with Japan, and the American military involvement in Vietnam.

For 10 days ending last Wednesday, Arnold Fege, coordinator of the Benton Harbor area school's audio-visual department served as resource person in the study of Southeast Asia.

Fege toured Southeast Asia as a correspondent for the Associated Press and the Chicago Sun-Times. He spent 7 weeks in the war zone and has been honored by the United Nations committee of journalism for articles written there. He also studied Asian history at the University of Singapore, the University of Bangkok in Thailand and the East-West center in the University of Hawaii.

As the course progresses, students quickly begin to understand complexity and scope of Asian history and its peoples, but realize that these difficulties can only be surmounted by those informed and knowledgeable of the present and future, Mrs. Reinhardt said.

Mrs. Reinhardt said student reaction to the course has been positive. While learning factual materials, the students indicate the course has provided an "experience" as the closest possible alternative to visiting Asia.

Rezoning Requests On Agenda

Benton Hearings Thursday

Public sentiment on three potentially controversial rezoning requests in Benton township will be aired Thursday when township planners meet.

That night marks the first public hearings for rezoning requests to allow construction of an apartment complex and an auto dealership in Fairplain,

and an asphalt hot plant on M-139.

On the agenda is the request for rezoning from A-2 residential to C-multiple family residential by Edward Rose & Sons of residential Kalamazoo of 7.5 acres directly behind Jewel-Osco on Napier avenue. The contractors want to build a \$3.45 million, 371-unit apart-

ment complex on 17.2 acres, 9.7 acres of which is already zoned to allow such use.

Also to be discussed is the request by W. L. Klum, owner of Klum Olds-Cadillac, to rezone 5.65 acres just west of Union street A-2 residential to D-1 commercial. Klum wants to move his auto dealership from Main street, Benton Harbor,

to a new building on the site. The Benton Harbor board of education has gone on record as opposing both requests. It opposes the apartment construction because the land directly abuts Fairplain East elementary and may cause traffic hazards for children walking to school. The Klum property adjoins a school athletic field.

First public hearing will also be held on a J. V. Burkett rezoning request from D-1 commercial to F-heavy industrial for land at 3135 M-139. He wants to construct an asphalt hot plant.

A township planning commission sub-committee has recommended opposition to the Burkett rezoning, citing air and water pollution threats as their main reasons.

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More Good News For Lake Township



Water System Won't Require Any Tax Increase

BY LYLE SUMERIX
South Bend Bureau

BRIDGMAN — Lake township property owners received another slice of good financial news last night.

A surprised audience of about 100 were told by Township Supervisor Wade Shuler that the township's proposed \$3.5 million water system would not require a property tax boost or special tax assessment districts to pay for it.

Shuler said costs of building the proposed plant and installing the water lines would be covered through the present

tax rate plus revenue generated by future water sales.

According to Shuler, the only costs to property owners would be hook-up fees if they decided to hook into the system, once installed. Cost of the hook-up was estimated at \$425.

Owners of existing structures, said Shuler, would not be required to tie into the system, Shuler said.

The tax break, according to Shuler, results from projected boosts in the total property value of the township. He said he expects the current \$58 million figure to skyrocket to \$90 million or more next year.

The jump is to be caused by completion of more of the \$625 million Donald C. Cook nuclear plant and construction of the \$15 million Hoover-Ugine wire rod plant.

Increases in property value mean property tax rates produce more revenue yearly. Because the increases are stemming from primarily two sources, they will pay the bulk of the actual increase in revenue.

Property owners in the township, part of the Bridgman school district, have already felt the benefits from the property value boosts. The school board's tax rate has dropped because of the sharp increases in valuation.

Shuler's comments on

financing came at a public hearing on the proposed issuance of bonds to finance the system's construction. The bonds would be repaid over 25 years from water sale revenue and income from the township's current one-mill property tax levy.

The township board, after the hearing, approved proceeding with financing plans which involve sale of the bonds through the Berrien county government.

Under the system, interest on money raised from the bond sale is lower than if the township sold the bonds itself.

Shuler said construction of the plant could start this summer, with water being made available to the Hoover plant late this year. Completion of the system is slated for the fall of 1974.

Location of the Hoover plant in the township triggered planning for the proposed system. The firm is to use about 200,000 gallons a day in its production method.

In the first phase, said Shuler, plans call for constructing about 12 miles of water mains.

The plant will have a capacity of 2 million gallons per day, expandable to 6

million gallons.

William H. Plautz, consulting engineer with Consoer, Townsend and Associates of Chicago, said the 24 inch water intake pipe at the plant will be extended 3,500 feet into Lake Michigan. He said it will be encased in cement and buried in the lake bottom, ending in about 30 feet of water.

The pumping station to move the water to the filtration plant will be located on Indiana and Michigan Electric company property just north of Livingston road.

The treatment and filtration plant will be on Red Arrow highway, south of Livingston road.

Shuler said the initial phase of water main construction will be in areas where needed for industry and where people are having trouble with their water supply.

Proposed primary routes for water mains are Livingston road, Jericho road north of Livingston and south of Lemon Creek road to Sunset drive, Red Arrow highway from nuclear plant to Bridgman city limits, Gast road between Snow and Livingston roads, Lemon Creek road from Red Arrow highway to Jericho, Shawnee road from Gast to township line, Snow road from California to Gast road, and California road from Snow road to Bridgman city limits.

A 300,000 gallon elevated water storage tank is planned just west of the township hall.

ASKING FOR HELP

ALPENA, Mich. (AP) — The City of Alpena has asked Alpena County to take control of the city's general hospital, which must spend \$2.8 million to comply with fire and health department requests.

Page addressed the Southwest Michigan Board of Realtors at Inman's, Benton Harbor Holiday Inn, 2860 South M-139, Benton Township, Monday night at the annual



REALTOR PRESIDENTS: Southwest Michigan Board of Realtors installed new president Monday night and its Women's council followed suit at annual installation meeting at Inman's, Benton Harbor Holiday Inn. From left are: Mrs. Marge Bishop, Benton Harbor, Women's council president; Walter Stefan, St. Joseph, Southwest

Michigan chapter president; Mrs. Nadja Ritter, New Buffalo, retiring Southwest Michigan board president; and LaVern Rice, Hartford, new president of the Michigan Real Estate Association, who was installing officer. (Staff Photo)

South Haven Rate Goes Up

SOUTH HAVEN — The city council approved a 20 per cent across-the-board increase in electrical rates to offset a hike in the wholesale charge for power purchased from Indiana & Michigan Electric company last night during a special meeting.

The unanimous council action concurred with a recommendation from the Board of Public Works (BPW).

The city has been purchasing its power from I&M since 1966 when its generating plant was idled. The utility services 5,300 customers in the city and townships of South Haven and Geneva.

The retail hike is retroactive to Jan. 13, but will not be reflected until the bill received on March 1 according to City Manager Albert Pierce.

The wholesale rate to the city was increased 32.7 per cent by I&M, but the hike is still subject to approval from the Federal Power commission.

Both I&M's hike and the city's increase are considered to be on an interim basis pending the outcome of the FPC hearing on April 17.

Part of the city council motion last night was a directive to the BPW that the entire rate structure be examined after the wholesale rate is officially determined. The city had not raised its electric rate since 1957 because growth within the system offset other increased expenses.

Utility Can't Hike Installation Charges

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley today told the state Public Service Commission that its order permitting Consumers Power Co. to increase charges to mobile home court customers is unlawful.

Excess charges, imposed as of Dec. 4, should be returned to customers and the order increasing the charges should be rescinded, Kelley said.

The hike was illegal because no public notice was given and

no hearing was held on Consumers' request for increased charges, Kelley said.

Public Service Commission law requires notice and public hearing whenever a utility seeks to increase its rate schedule, Kelley said.

The increased charges to Consumers' trailer court customers included a hike from \$1.40 per foot to \$10 plus \$1.70 per foot for installing service pipe from gas mains to gas meters and the right to increase further the installation charge

Lottery Drawing Might Be Held At Paw Paw

PAW PAW — A state lottery drawing may be held here in September in conjunction with this community's annual Grape and Wine festival.

Clark Rieck, president of the Paw Paw Jaycees who sponsor the annual event, told the village council last night that he has received a tentative agreement from the state to hold the drawing in Paw Paw Sept. 20 during the festival.

This year, the festival is to be held Sept. 20-23. Date were approved by the council during its session as was a request from the Jaycees to close one block in the downtown area to provide space for activities.

The week was officially declared the Grape and Wine Festival Week.

Using figures compiled by a University of Michigan computer, Dan Page, director of the university's real estate extension courses, predicted several busy years for Realtors.

Page addressed the Southwest Michigan Board of Realtors at Inman's, Benton Harbor Holiday Inn, 2860 South M-139, Benton Township, Monday night at the annual

installation of officers meeting.

The university computer compiled figures show a continuing rise in home ownership, Page said, and an

developing trend in condominiums and group ownership of housing units.

Page took the computer output and traced national, state and southwest Michigan real estate trends. All show the housing industry to continue to grow for several years.

Installed were Walter Stefan, Stefan Real Estate, St. Joseph, president, succeeding Mrs. Nadja Ritter, Ritter Real Estate, New Buffalo. Mrs. Marge Bishop of Benton Harbor, was installed as president of the council.

Other officers installed in the Southwest chapter include Robert Findling, Findling & Associates, St. Joseph, vice president; John Neumann, Mark I Realty, St. Joseph, secretary; and Mrs. Val Dillman, LaVern Rice Realty, Hartford, treasurer.

Installing officer was LaVern Rice of Hartford who is the new president of the Michigan Real Estate association.

Other officers of the Women's council are Mrs. Mary Housard, Bun Baldwin Co., Berrien Springs, vice president; Mrs. Edith Elzroth,

the National Association of Real Estate Boards, the Michigan Real Estate association and the Southwest Michigan chapter.

Membership in the Southwest Michigan chapter, which covers Cass, Berrien and Van Buren counties, is 300.

Hawks' Stockholders

Invited To Meeting

Stockholders in the Southwestern Michigan Football Club, Inc., are invited to a court-set annual meeting Feb. 5 at 8:30 at Tabor Hill Vineyards and Wine Cellar, Inc., about six miles west of Berrien Springs.

Buchanan Atty. Louis Desenberg, a club director, said Judge William S. White of Berrien circuit court Monday set the meeting date and location. The purpose, Desenberg said, is to elect a board of directors, and ratify past acts of officers and directors. It also is to cut the quorum necessary for annual meetings from the present 50 down to 10 per cent of outstanding shares of stock in the club, increase board of directors from 9 to 12, and seek

Transfer Decision Is 'Months Away'

LANSING — Millburg area residents seeking to transfer from the Benton Harbor to Coloma school district will have to wait several months before a decision on the matter is rendered by the State Board of Education.

Raymond Godmer, State Department of Education hearing officer, heard testimony for two hours here Monday morning, and then indicated a decision by the State Board will be months away.

Final transcripts of yesterday's hearing must be prepared and sent to all parties involved. This could take up to two months and then all parties have 20 days in which to file objections to the report, before it is even eligible for State Board action.

The Millburg area was the last of six seeking transfer from the Benton Harbor district. The State Board has ruled favorably on one request

and has denied three others. One other area's (East North Shore-South Eaman) request still awaits final decision by the State Board.

Testifying yesterday on behalf of the Millburg residents was their attorney, John Foley of Vicksburg, and Mrs. Marvin (Pat) Priebe of Paul road. The Benton Harbor board of education was represented by Superintendent Raymond Srebo and Atty. Robert Small of Benton Harbor.

Also testifying were James Walton, assistant administrator for the Berrien County Intermediate School and William Barrett, superintendent of the Coloma school system, who both testified that their boards oppose the transfer.

Testimony on behalf of the Millburg residents and the Benton Harbor school board basically followed the same reasons cited during a public hearing before the Inter-



SHRINE CIRCUS-BOUND: Shrine circus in Grand Rapids was the destination Monday for these handicapped children, who attended as guests of Berrien county Shrine club. These youngsters, set to board bus at Stump school of the Benton Harbor district, are among some 200 from the county, who made trip on five buses. They attend Stump school and Maple Grove center. Others were from Gard school, St. Joseph, and

Berrien county school for impaired hearing, Berrien Springs, who went on other buses. Shriners here include Charles Bridwell (second from left) club president, Dave Scher, Gary Gilpin, Robert Morlock, Vince Sevedge, Stephen Staubach, Milt Shante, George Ghareeb, and Ron Fitz. Shriner C. A. Tobias (not pictured) headed committee for circus project, that included box lunches. (Staff photo)